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## Old Ern's Dream Marches on



Della Reese, Ernie Ford and Andrae Crouch (left t right) gather at Nashville's Grand Ole Opry for some joyous good-time music on "More of That Great American Gospel Sound."

Even in the fantasy world of entertainment, very few dreams-come-true are ever permitted sequels. But Tennessee Ernie Ford leads a somewhat charmed life (earned through more than three decades of hard work), and he's now put together a sequel to his dream-come-true of a television special on gospel.

"More of That American Gospel Sound,"

a 90-minute special of lively upbeat music, premiered Saturday, November 29 on PBS. The program, a KOCE, Huntington Beach production, in association with Two Feather Productions of Hollywood, was an appropriate high-point to Thanksgiving family festivities.

In early 1979 a program called "That

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### Hart County Singing

The Hart County Singing will be held at the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church at Uno, Ky., on January 3, 1981 at 7:00 CST. Guest singers will be the Faith Singers, from Edmonton, Ky. Courtney Spradlin is President. Rev. David South is the pastor.

### Watch Night Service

The Cavelanders will sing at the Cave Springs Baptist Church on December 31 for their Watch Night Service. The church is located near Horse Cave, Ky. Rev. Gary Talley is the new pastor.

### Stop Worrying

Only eight percent of a person's worries are legitimate, says Dr. Thomas S. Kelpler, an authority on human characteristics, and adds:

Forty percent will never happen.

Thirty percent are over people's criticisms of us.

Twelve percent are over old decisions.

Ten percent are over our health.

Thus, ninety-two percent of our worries are proved foolish.

So, quit worrying! You are literally choking yourself. The very word "worry" comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word meaning "to choke."

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## From the President

It's been a great year for Gospel Music. We have witnessed Gospel Music being performed in large and small churches, nursing homes, jails, prisons, high schools, colleges, convention centers, all the way to the White House. Radio and T.V. have been contributing factors that have helped make this possible.

We owe much to the businesses, singing groups and interested persons who purchased ads, records, tapes and bought tickets and helped to keep the momentum going.

A special thanks to the churches and pastors because this is where it all started. With your continued prayers and support

Gospel Music will move onward and upward.

Plan early, plan well. Let's work together to show the world the love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Three to six months or a year or more is not too far ahead to make plans.

When possible try to book a second and third place. With shortages and high fuel prices this will help groups to conserve fuel and cut travel expenses.

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May God bless you,  
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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Ambassadors Quartet of Russellville, Ky., want to thank the staff of Gospel Reaching Out for a job well done in printing the gospel singing news for our Kentucky fans.

We have been richly blessed in our gospel singing efforts, and we know that through our ministry in song, we are reaching many people who would otherwise never hear the gospel. God has called us to spread His word through song, and with the help of our new album "That Good Ole Southern Harmony," we can feel assured that God's Word is reaching many people in many areas outside Kentucky.

We wish to thank our loyal fans who supported us at the National Quartet Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Pray for us that we might continue to grow in the Lord's work.

The Ambassadors Quartet  
Phone 1-502-726-3002

To the Editor:

Dear Sirs:

I enjoy your paper very much and always look forward to getting it.

I want to wish all our friends in Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, and Ohio a blessed new year full of all God's wonderful blessings. May God bless you all.

In Christ,  
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18 - Mt. Gillead Christian Church, 2:00 p.m. Rev. Jimmie Freeman, pastor. Church loc. 10 mile south of Greensburg, just off Hwy. 61, to left, 2 mile.

18 - Glasgow Bible Church, Glasgow, Rev. Sidney Williams, pastor. 6:00 p.m.

21 - Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, chapel service, 10:30 a.m.

23 - Lindsey Wilson College Auditorium with the Seminary Qt. 6:30 p.m.

24 - Mt. Carmel United Meth. Church Cane Valley community of Adair Co. Rev. John Coomer, pastor. 6:30 p.m.

25 - Columbia United Methodist Church, Columbia, Rev. Don Benningfield, pastor 7:00 p.m.

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17 - Akron, Ohio, Home Miss. Bapt., 7 p.m.

18 - Uniontown, Ohio, Church of God, 10 a.m.

18 - Mansfield, Ohio, Lincoln Heights, CCCU, 7 p.m.

24 - Cleveland, Ohio, Trinity Freewill Baptist 7:30 p.m.

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Mildred Vanhook Billy Thurman  
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Well, we finally made it to 100,000 watts. Last Sunday, Nov. 30, was the first Sunday. We received a phone call from Bowling Green, Ky, and Chattanooga, Tenn., Both places said we were coming in with a strong signal, "Praise the Lord" Thank you for sending me your album, "The McCubbins Family" we played it last Sunday.

We are advertising, we are reaching a 90 mile radius of Lebanon, but we are going beyond that.

I will tell you a little bit about us, all 3 of us love the Lord. Leslie and Mildred are husband and wife, they live in Lebanon and go to Fairview Baptist Church in Lebanon.

I live in Watertown, which is 12 miles east of Lebanon. I go to Smith Fork Baptist Church at Statesville which is 6 miles south of Watertown. I am the song leader and Training Union director there.

It really pushes me to leave Lebanon at 9:30 a.m. and drive 18 miles to church and be there to lead a song before Sunday

School starts. I am single (never been married) and 39 years old, (I just thought I would throw this in).

Leslie is the only one on payroll, Mildred and I don't get paid money, but we receive a lot of blessings for doing this.

Last Sunday was the 346th Sunday the Lighthouse has been on.

Jackie Wilburn from Carthage started it, then Les took it.

Mildred and I have been with it for about 5 years.

I do some of the announcing, but Les does it the most. Mildred takes 100 to 150 phone calls each Sunday at the present time, and I'm looking up special songs most of the time. I have a file cabinet with songs listed, and different groups name on the 3 x 5 index card.

I really enjoy the Gospel Reaching Out. Keep up the good work, I know God will bless you, as he has us.

Anytime we can help you, in anyway, don't hesitate to let us know.

May God bless you.

Thank you,  
Billy Thurman  
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## Top Ten Songs of Month

1. He's Still Working On Me-Hemphills
2. Come Morning-Rex Nelson Singers
3. Better Hurry Up-Goodmans
4. Praise The Lord-Imperials
5. Jesus You're So Wonderful-Andrus-Blackwood
6. We Shall Wear A Robe and Crown-Rex Nelson Singers
7. Sweet Beulah Land-Rex Nelson Singers
8. Ring the Bells of Freedom-Kingsmen
9. He's Ever Interceding-Speers
10. He Will Calm the Troubled Waters-Hinsons

## Grace Union Singing

Watch night service will be held at Grace Union Baptist Church December 31. Supper will be at 6:00 o'clock with singing starting at 7:30. Featured singers will be The Inspirationalists from Greensburg, Gospel Travelers from Glasgow and the Glory Road Singers from Summersville. Everyone is invited.

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## Old Ern's Dream Marches on

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Great American Gospel Sound" surprised TV professionals and audiences alike by demonstrating that the American public would truly appreciate an entire program of gospel music. The program was the 10th highest rated show of all time on PBS, and raised more pledge dollars per minute than any other program in the history of the network. It also vindicated Ernie Ford's long-standing belief in the popularity of gospel music.

As Ernie says, "Gospel isn't God music. It's just good-time, happy music." And this special demonstrated the great range of expression encompassed by this happy

music.

A final musical high point was found in the performance of Della Reese. After recovering from an illness that almost took her life, she is now back performing with an unmatched fervor and intensity. She is, as Ernie says, truly inspirational.

Della begins her performance with a traditional gospel song called "Hush" and then moves on to her "own personal song," "God Is So Wonderful" (many people will recognize this Billy Preston adaptation of his original "You Are So Beautiful," which was made popular by Joe Cocker). With her audience firmly in hand, Della cuts loose with some revival-style stomp in "Turn To The Light," and then pairs up with Ernie to perform an old Ethel Waters number called "His Eye Is On The Sparrow." For a pair who performed together for the first time two years ago (on "That Great American Gospel Sound"), their harmonizing has become a moving and beautiful art.

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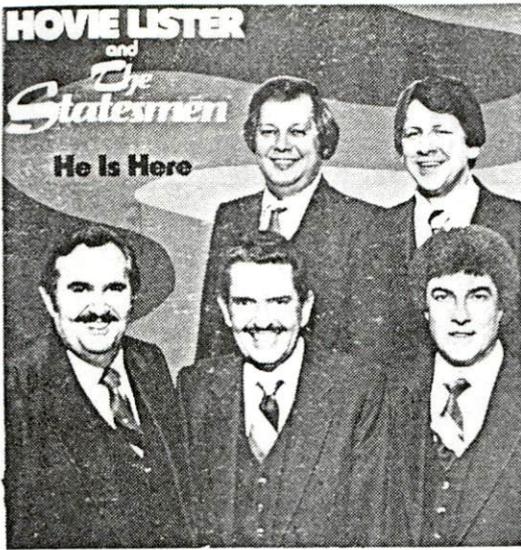
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## Album Review



### THE SPEERS

Gospel music comes in many colors...bright, muted...light, lively...soft, spirited. But woven throughout is always the thread of the redemptive message.

INTERCEDING is distinctively Speer-traditional gospel music as only this talented family can sing it. Songs of praise and worship presented in beautiful, close harmony; sparkling solos; meaningful recitations -- all designed to feed the spirit.

Forming the backdrop for this musical portrait is a blend of vibrant strings, tight rhythms, and contemporary guitar chords. There is freshness and vitality. Nothing contrived -- just a natural overflow of the exuberant love the Speers have for their Lord.

INTERCEDING paints a true picture -- the best of the Speers and the Speers at their best -- all the colors of gospel music.



**INCREDIBLE**, Teddy Huffam & The Gems, Canaan CAS-9862. Side 1: Jesus Is The Solid Rock, God Holds The Future, I Already Like It (And I'm Not Even There), Sailin' on the Sea of Your Love, In the Twinkling of an Eye. Side 2: Not a Myth but a Gift. Living in the Light of

### THE CATHEDRALS



**BETTER THAN EVER**, The Cathedrals, Canaan, CAS-9857. Side 1: I Saw Love; My Labor Will Be O'er; Ride On, God's Careworn Children; God Cared Enough; He Can Be Depended On. Side 2: Roll Away Troubled River; He's The Best Thing That Ever Happened To Me, One of These Days; Mercy; I Know a Man Who Can.



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# Hawkins - Freeman Wedding

Christina Ann Hawkins daughter of The Reverend and Mrs. J.B. Hawkins of Porterville, Calif., exchanged wedding vows August 2 with Harrison Darrell Freeman at the First Assembly of God Church in Hendersonville, Tenn. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Freeman of Sandusky, Ohio. Miss Hawkins formerly sang with the Hinson Family, Nashville.

The Reverend Mr. Hawkins, pastor of the Pentecostal Church of God in Porterville, gave his daughter in marriage and joined The Reverend J.D. Temples, pastor of Lighthouse Tabernacle in Spencer, Ind., in performing the ceremony.

Tina Allington of Hendersonville was maid of honor; and bridesmaids were Kathy Marcum, Glenwood, W.Va.; Deana Stephens, Kennesaw, Ga.; and Cathy Hagee and Debbie Talbert, Concord, N.C.

Ed Freeman, Sandusky, served his brother as best man, while another brother, David Freeman, Stuart, Florida was among the groomsmen. Other groomsmen were Lawrence Rose, Pikeville, Ky.; Tim Davis, Lorain, Ohio; and Alan Jarman, Hendersonville.

Music was furnished by Kathy Watson and Mike McDaniel of Birmingham, Ala.

The bride wore a formal length gown of candlelight silk organza with imported French chantilly lace enhanced with seed pearls. The lace-appliqued bodice featured a Queen Ann neckline and lace-appliqued sleeves. The A-line skirt flowed to a chapel-length train. Her chapel-length veil of silk illusion was attached to a matching lace head piece edged in seed pearls and lace appliques.



Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Freeman

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